

Zone Bd. Denies Apartments at M'belt, 13 Mile

The Township Zoning Board, at a special meeting on March 4, denied the request for rezoning to permit apartments to be built on the 13.2 acre triangular parcel bounded by Middlebelt, Thirteen Mile and North-western.

Wendell Brown, attorney representing a number of subdivision associations, individuals, spoke against the proposed development. He traced the history of Township zoning and stated that it was the "will of the people" in the area to keep it one-family residential.

BROWN SAID that the drive for apartments in this area has been spearheaded by people from the east and the F.H.A.; that the developers are non-residents with no money of their own in the project; and that multiple housing is only a new way of getting more money per acre—instead of 35 or 50 foot lots "they stack it and sell it." "We see their presentations," Brown went on, "but we have no guarantees at all on anything regarding types of tenants, change of tenants, or whether the apartments might become public housing in the future." He emphasized that zoning for apartments against the wishes of the citizens could result in incorporation or annexation of parts of the Township.

NORMAN KREIDER, president of the Wood Creek Farms Village Council read a statement giving the views of his Village. The statement said how the Village, during a study conducted for revision of its zoning ordinance, had considered multiple housing and rejected it unanimously. The Village is one of the oldest communities in the Township, he stated, and was developed in accordance with a pattern of single-family land use. In their study they employed the services of Villan-Leman, & Associates, the same planning consultants that serve the Township.

After a short discussion concerning the fact that the triangle is a "real problem area," the Village will be asked to deny the request was seconded by Charles Hannan and carried unanimously by the Board.

Election Laws Limit Spending By Candidates

The Oakland County Election Commission released the figures this week on how much candidates will be allowed to spend on election campaigns.

Under the Michigan State Election laws, candidates are allowed to spend no more than \$10 per 1,000 votes cast during the last gubernatorial election. Candidates seeking election to a Council seat in the City of Farmington will be limited to a total expenditure of \$157.20, under the Michigan statute.

Campaign expenses, including salaries spent for literature, distribution of material, hall rentals, advertising and clerical or professional help, must be detailed in a sworn statement by the candidate and filed with the County Election Commission within 20 days following the election. Falsification of campaign expense reports subjects persons to a fine of \$1,000 and/or two years in prison. It was further emphasized that campaign expenses include all costs spent on a candidate's behalf, including all expenses incurred by any committee acting for the candidate.

Plans Approved for Independence Green

Final plans for Independence Green (formerly Village Green) were approved by the Township Zoning Board at a special meeting on March 4. The plans are for the Duke development at Grand River and Halsted and include an 18 hole golf course, surrounded by a 200 foot wide, a large club house to be an exact replica of Independence Hall in Philadelphia, a motel, a heated swimming pool and a shopping center.

THOMAS DUKE presented the plans and said that everything that had been recommended and promised had been incorporated.

Charles Williams made a motion to approve the plans subject to any further recommendations by the Board. The motion was seconded by the Board. The plans were carried by a majority of the Board. Hannan and Mills abstained.

Alta Loma Homeowners Win Out In Getting 22 Acres Zoned R-1

Residents in the City of Farmington's Alta Loma Subdivision won a victory Monday night as the Planning Commission voted to recommend R-1 residential zoning for the problem 22-acre strip of land along the west side of Farmington Road between Alta Loma Drive and Freedom Drive. The action was part of the zoning and updating of the City's zoning ordinance which will now go before the City Council for final consideration and adoption March 15.

The Planning Commission called for an ERO (Education Research Office) District to replace the existing R-1E (one-family estates) zoning classification of the Farmington Road property which abuts Alta Loma Subdivision on the north



LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEES Mrs. Mary Allison and Ernest Sauter are pictured above reviewing the expansion plan for the Wood Creek Farms Village Library. Two separate propositions to appear on the April 5 ballot will decide whether funds for the proposed expansion plan can be realized and also if the continuation of millage for operating costs can be increased.

'New Math' Is Approved; To Add 2 Rooms For Deaf

The possibility of introducing New Math into the curriculum of the Farmington Public Schools became a reality last Monday evening, March 8, when the Board of Education approved the adoption of new mathematics textbooks for grades one through six, beginning next September.

Mr. Donald Hostler, chairman of the Elementary Arithmetic Committee, presented copies of the committee's recommended books—published by Addison-Wesley—for the Board's consideration. He stated that transitional materials will be available this year so that teachers can begin preparing for next fall.

SUPT. GERALD V. HARRISON explained that since the support and cooperation of the teachers is the most important item to be considered, an in-service training program will be necessary. The training will involve class dismissal at 2 p.m. for five afternoons, and some further training will be undertaken in the summer.

Kindergarten teachers will be equipped with the teachers' edition of the new series. This is the first change in arithmetic textbooks since 1957.

In separate action the Board

approved motions to cooperate and enter into a contract with Oakland County in establishing an early elementary room for the deaf to be located at the new Larkshire school which is under construction south of Ten Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt roads.

SUPT. HARRISON informed the Board that a request had been received from Oakland County for the room because the most serious barriers in special education are children with hearing problems. The County's citizens advisory committee recommends that seven additional rooms be opened for the next school year. A decision on the matter needed to be made as soon as possible so that teachers could be hired and it is difficult to find teachers trained in this area.

Harrison explained that the district has been using one room at Cloverdale Elementary School for helping pre-school and kindergarten children with hearing problems and that some additional first graders will be needing help this year. He expressed the feeling that the district may not be meeting the needs of all of its own children in this area if need.

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and west. Alta Loma residents who appeared at the first public hearing on the proposed zoning changes January 28 of this year raised heated objections to the ERO plans.

A letter from Robert P. Fink, president of the Alta Loma Homeowners Association, read at Monday night's meeting urged the Planning Commission to recommend R-1 zoning. The letter enumerated five different points in favor of residential as opposed to ERO development.

WILBUR "SANDY" BROTHERTON, chairman of the Planning Commission and a member of the City Council, read a letter from Jacob Driker, president of the Development Planning Company of Pontiac, the City's firm of planning consultants, which gave an evaluation of plans submitted by Alta Loma residents for the residential development of the 22-acre parcel.

Driker reported the subdivision designs submitted by the Alta Loma homeowners could be developed with the correction of certain deficiencies, although his firm still maintains the proposed ERO District would be a better use.

DRIKER'S REPORT to the Commission gave a point-by-point opinion of the two residential plans submitted by the See ALTA LOMA Page 8-A, Col. 7

Voters Return Norm Kreider In Wood Creek

Voters from the Village of Wood Creek Farms in Farmington Township went to the polls Tuesday of this week and re-elected Village Council President Norman E. Kreider of 28965 Millbrook for another two-year term.

The 102 Wood Creek residents who cast ballots in Tuesday's election also voted in two new members on the Village Council, William B. Smolek of 8800 W. Wellington and William E. Brown of 28427 Beech Hill.

The three successful candidates were in a field of seven which included Herbert G. Ludwig, Ben DeCooke, Alvin Albertsen and Wallace E. Burrell. Smolek and Brown each won two-year terms for the first time. It was Kreider's third successful bid for office. Wood Creek Farms Village has a total of 197 registered voters.

Twp. Now Has Official Seal

Farmington Township now has an official seal.

The seal which was designed and drawn by Clifford Dickson of Kendallwood Subdivision at the request of Township Board members and presented for Board consideration two weeks earlier was officially approved by action of the Township Board on Monday night of this week.

The only slight change made was the addition of the words "Oakland County, Michigan below Farmington Township at the bottom of the seal as originally proposed.

Dickson was highly commended by township board members for the job he did in designing and preparing this seal.

their heels along with the Jaycees' musicale cast will be a chorus and dancing group. A number of talented performers have joined into plans for this year's show. Tickets are available, from any local Jaycee and at the Farmington Enterprise office.

Name Twp. College Campus Orchard Ridge

The third campus in the Oakland Community College group which will be located at the I-696 Expressway and Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Township will be known as the "Orchard Ridge" college.

Official action on the selection of this name was taken at a special meeting of the college district board of directors held on Thursday, March 4.

Prior to the development of the Farmington Township site campus, however, campus in the Oakland Community College District in two other locations will be developed and opened to students first. The Auburn Hills campus in Auburn Heights and the Lake campus at Union Lake are to be developed, equipped and ready to accept students in the fall of 1966, by the start of classes in September of this year.

In OTHER action at the March 4 meeting, a faculty salary schedule ranging from \$5,000-\$14,000 and guidelines authorizing the appointment of 133 teaching personnel for the opening of classes on September 7, were approved.

In other Board action, the appointment of Alfred S. Moses as Director of Instructional Resources was approved. Moses, who earned a Master of Arts Degree in Audio-Visual materials at Columbia University in 1956, is presently Associate Director, Instructional Resources Center, State University College, Brockport, New York.

Planner Absent Zone Bd. Tables Some Requests

The absence of Charles Leman, planning consultant, from the meeting of the Township Zoning Board on March 4, made necessary the tabling of several rezoning requests.

Les Taubman, developer of the proposed 141 Mile Road Subdivision on 141 Mile Road from Drake to Farmington roads, appeared for the third time to have his rezoning request and suggestions of the plans and Mr. Leman. Since there was no recommendation from Leman regarding the change in the plans, the matter was tabled until he could be present.

MACKSEY, INC., proponents of Colony Park Subdivision to be located at 141 Mile and Farmington roads, were also disappointed at the delay resulting from the absence of a report from Leman. Board members were undecided on the desirability of the layout of homes siding on Farmington Road and tabled the request until Mr. Leman could be present.

A preliminary site plan review for multiple dwellings at the southwest corner of 9 Mile and Gill roads was also tabled until the next meeting of the board. Although Charles Leman had recommended the plan as a "desirable treatment of the property," members of the board wanted to postpone action until the plan could be discussed with him.

The plan, which calls for 255 units, was for the same property which was rezoned several months ago with only 80 units proposed at the time. Meanwhile, the property was sold and the new owner is Smoker Company.

Tutor Policy Is Considered

The Board of Education, at a regular meeting on Monday evening, March 8, discussed the adoption of a tutoring policy.

Superintendent Gerald V. Harrison explained that although it is the feeling of educators that tutoring in most cases, is neither beneficial nor desirable, many parents still want their children tutored and seek advice and guidance from the school teachers and principals.

A STATEMENT of policy, Harrison said, would clarify the School's position on tutoring. It would be worded in accordance with the ethics of the National and Michigan Education Association and a list of teachers available for tutoring would be wanted for parents who want it.

The proposal was tabled pending "rewording of some parts of the statement."

Water, Sewers to More Areas in Twp. Proposed

Action was taken by the Farmington Township Board at its regular meeting Monday night setting the dates for public hearings on necessity for the extension of adequate sanitary sewer facilities into two more areas of the township and Detroit water into one other neighborhood.

The Board also authorized the township's engineering firm, Pate, Hirm & Bogue, Inc., to proceed with engineering plans and cost estimates for the laying of lateral and transmission lines to provide Detroit water facilities for a number of additional already developed subdivisions in the township. These include Glen Orchards, Farmington Hills, St. Mary's Acres, Pasadena Park and Springfield subdivisions and that portion of Forest Hills Subdivision south of the I-696 Expressway. It would also provide water facilities to the new

community college site at Orchard Lake Road and I-696, the Orchard Ridge campus, and two acreage parcels in the area owned by Mark Bremer and Dick Frankel.

ALL OF THESE proposed improvement projects would be on a special-assessment basis.

The largest area where new sewer facilities are proposed and for which a public hearing has been scheduled is in the Grand River-Homes Subdivision. This is the area north of Grand River Avenue between Middlebelt Road and Tulane Street which contains approximately 900 lots, most of which are developed. The cost estimate for providing the sewer facility improvements in this area has been set at \$193,400, according to Floyd Cairns, township clerk.

The date for the public hearing on this proposed project has

been set for Monday, April 19, at 8 p.m.

The other area where the necessity for sanitary sewer improvements is hoped to be established is in Glen Oaks Subdivision including Orchard Lake Road and Greening Street as well as Glen Oaks. Monday, March 29, at 8 p.m. has been set as the date for a public hearing on this proposed project.

THE COST estimate for this proposed sewer improvement has been set at \$105,205, Clerk Cairns said.

Also scheduled for a public hearing on necessity for this same thing, March 29, one-half hour later at 8:30 p.m., is the proposal to extend Detroit water facilities to Rhinewood and Fenet streets in Supervisor's Plat of Fenet Farms. The cost estimate that was set for this project is \$42,800.



TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR Curtis H. Hall is pictured above congratulating officers (l to r) Gordon Ross and George Maier upon their successful completion of a comprehensive course in police training at the Metropolitan Police Academy of Michigan. Officers Ross and Maier are the first of the new Township Police to take the six-week training course which covers all phases of law enforcement

and public safety. The officers attended eight-hour sessions five days a week at the Academy which has on its teaching staff Farmington City Police Chief Maurice D. Foltz, former State Police Commissioner Donald S. Leonard, Sgt. Michael Sibul of the Redford State Police post, former Corporation Counsel for the City of Detroit Nathan Goldstick and members of the FBI.

Court Action Started to Block \$25 Million Twp. Apt. Development

Citizen Court action has been started against Farmington Township in a last ditch effort to block the proposed \$25 million Independence Green development. Green development being planned on a 160 acre parcel of land on the north side of Grand River Avenue at Drake Road.

Announcement of this court

action was made at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night when the site plan for this planned new apartment, motel, golf course and shopping center development came up for consideration and approval by board members.

HARRIS BERGER and Jo-

seph H. Larson, an attorney and township resident, advised the Board that they and their wives had initiated complaint of mandamus action against the township board members and the township attorney in court earlier Monday. The attorney representing them as plaintiffs is Gilbert M. Frimet of the Detroit law firm of Gordon, Goran and Rains.

He and his wife of 36224 Paddford Road have been vigorously opposing this proposed large, new apartment house development ever since two cars to be traded in from single family residential to multiple residential first began being considered by the Township Zoning Board.

Shortly after the Township See COURT ACTION Page 8-A, Col. 3

Approve 3 Zoning Requests Trailer Ct. Seeks To Expand

All three rezoning requests up for public hearing at a special meeting of the Township Zoning Board on March 4, were approved with practically no objections from the public.

The request by Thomas Cox, owner of the Flamingo Trailer Court, on Middlebelt Road north of Nine Mile Road for rezoning of 4.75 acres of land from the court from RA-4, residential, to B-3, general business, drew the most comment.

HARRY N. DELL, attorney, presented letters from residents of the area. He stated that the whimsy of the public court had been circulated and only one objection was made to expansion of the court. Those approving of expansion plans were Kenneth White, 22007 Middlebelt; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Jones, 22739 Middlebelt; Mr. and Mrs. Gillard, 22553 Middlebelt; Mrs. Follmer, 22683 Middlebelt; W. R. Taylor and Effie B. Taylor, 22601 Grayfield; and Kenneth J. Watts, 22333 Karen Ct.

The consensus of the letter writers was that the trailer court is well managed, well-disciplined, attractively landscaped and not a detriment to the community.

BEFORE the hearing was opened to the public, Terry Brennan, Township Attorney, explained that the Zoning Board has no power to grant a request to use land for a trailer park, and that the only thing the board can do is approve or disapprove the property. He said that trailer parks are permitted in the B-3, General Business classification, provided certain requirements are met. That if the board rezoned the property See TWP. ZONING ED. Page 8-A, Col. 4

Studying Bids On Police Cars

Two new police cars for the Farmington Township police department were delivered only a short while back and bids were opened at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night for purchase of two more.

No official action on purchasing the two additional cars was taken, however. The bids were turned over to a special three-member bid opening committee to review with police officials before a recommendation is made back to the board and official action is taken.

The bids were received from the Pontiac, Retail Store, Town & Country Dodge Inc. of Farmington and Dameron Motor Sales, Inc. of Farmington. Town & Country Dodge submitted the lowest bid price on the new cars, but offered a substantially lower price on two cars to be traded in. The bids from the Pontiac Retail Store and Dameron Motors were very close to each other.